

# WISCONSIN WILDCARDS



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# NORTHERN HIGHLAND- AMERICAN LEGION STATE FOREST

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**ORIGIN:** Established in 1925 to protect the headwaters of the Wisconsin, Flambeau and Manitowish Rivers, the State Forest covers more than 225,000 acres.

**FOREST CHARACTERISTICS:** Enjoy forests of aspen, pine, red oak and northern hardwoods, along with over 900 lakes!

**ACTIVITIES:** Each year two million people explore the many trails, campsites and waterways.

**UNIQUE FEATURE:** With one of the highest densities of lakes in the world, the forest supports abundant bald eagle, osprey and loon populations.

For information: (715) 385-2727 (Woodruff Service Center, Woodruff)  
(715) 385-2727 (Trout Lake Forestry Headquarters, Boulder Junction)

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# BRULE RIVER STATE FOREST

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**ORIGIN:** In 1907, Frederick Weyerhaeuser donated land to begin a forest reserve along the Brule River. The State Forest was established in 1932.

**FOREST CHARACTERISTICS:** Find a variety of habitats, including unique boreal forest remnants, pine barrens and northern hardwoods.

**ACTIVITIES:** The 44-mile-long Bois Brule River is famous for trout fishing and canoeing. Hiking, cross-country skiing, camping and hunting are also popular.

**UNIQUE FEATURE:** Brule Bog is the headwaters for the St. Croix River, a national wild and scenic river, and the Bois Brule River, a world-class trout fishery.

For information: (715) 372-5678 (Forest Headquarters, Brule)

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## FLAMBEAU RIVER STATE FOREST

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**ORIGIN:** A 1920s citizen effort to save the timber along the Flambeau River led to the establishment of the State Forest in 1930.

**FOREST CHARACTERISTICS:** More than 90,000 acres of northern hardwoods along the Flambeau River provide spectacular fall colors!

**ACTIVITIES:** Along with camping, canoeing the rapids is a very popular activity. Both novice and advanced sections of the river are available.

**UNIQUE FEATURE:** The Flambeau River flows for more than 75 miles through the Forest, providing wonderful views, high quality whitewater and habitat for wildlife.

For information: (715) 332-5271 (Forest Headquarters, Winter)

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## GOVERNOR KNOWLES STATE FOREST

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**ORIGIN:** Established in 1970 as the St. Croix River State Forest, this property was re-dedicated in 1982 to honor former Governor Warren Knowles for his involvement in conservation and recreation.

**FOREST CHARACTERISTICS:** This 55-mile-long forest borders the St. Croix National Scenic Riverway, into which hundreds of streams and seepages flow.

**ACTIVITIES:** Choose from over 120 miles of recreational trails, including areas for campers, backpackers, horseback riders and hunters.

**UNIQUE FEATURE:** The St. Croix River is one of two national wild and scenic riverways in Wisconsin.

For information: (715) 463-2898 (Forest Headquarters, Grantsburg)

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# BLACK RIVER STATE FOREST

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**ORIGIN:** Established in 1957 for land conservation and recreation, the State Forest covers more than 67,000 acres once logged and cleared for farming.

**FOREST CHARACTERISTICS:** See rocky mounds, grassy barrens, wetlands and the scenic Black River. Find managed forests of pine, aspen and oak. View bald eagles, Karner blue butterflies and maybe a wolf!

**ACTIVITIES:** Canoe the Black River, camp, snowmobile, ATV, bike, hike, cross-country ski, ride horseback and hunt.

**UNIQUE FEATURE:** Picturesque Castle Mound may have been an island in Glacial Lake Wisconsin. Hike it!

For information: (715) 284-4103 (Forest Headquarters, Black River Falls)

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## PESHTIGO RIVER STATE FOREST

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**ORIGIN:** Established in 2001 to provide wood products and to protect the Peshtigo River watershed, the property includes 9,200 acres of forest and 3,000 acres of water.

**FOREST CHARACTERISTICS:** The glaciated landscape is a mosaic of forest, rivers and lakes. Primary tree species include scrub oak, aspen and red pine.

**ACTIVITIES:** Visit this new state forest to hike, fish, canoe, hunt and view wildlife.

**UNIQUE FEATURE:** A more than five-mile stretch of the historic Peshtigo River is a designated fly fishing area!

For information: (715) 757-3965 (Forest Headquarters, Crivitz)

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## NORTHERN UNIT OF KETTLE MORaine STATE FOREST

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**ORIGIN:** In 1936, land was purchased to provide flood control for the Milwaukee River, create a large recreation area and protect glacial landforms.

**FOREST CHARACTERISTICS:** Find relic Ice Age communities, such as bogs, and unique mixtures of northern and southern hardwood forests.

**ACTIVITIES:** Explore by bike, foot or horseback 133 miles of trails. Enjoy camping, fishing, swimming and nature programs.

**UNIQUE FEATURE:** Because of its unique glacial landscape, this State Forest is in the Ice Age National Scientific Reserve.

For information: (262) 626-2116 (Forest Headquarters, Campbellsport)  
(920) 533-8322 (Ice Age Visitor Center, Campbellsport)

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## SOUTHERN UNIT OF KETTLE MORaine STATE FOREST

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**ORIGIN:** In 1939, the first parcel of this State Forest was purchased to protect glacial formations and provide recreation to the Milwaukee area.

**FOREST CHARACTERISTICS:** Almost 21,000 acres of glacial hills form this landscape. Oaks dominate the forest community.

**ACTIVITIES:** Discover extensive trails! Hike a section of the Ice Age National Scenic Trail, or visit Paradise Springs—a 5,000 gallon/minute spring house!

**UNIQUE FEATURE:** Kettles galore! See the pit-like depressions formed when huge blocks of glacial ice, buried under debris, melted away 13,000 years ago!

For information: (262) 594-6200 (Forest Headquarters, Eagle)

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## POINT BEACH STATE FOREST

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**ORIGIN:** Established in 1937 to boost local tourism, Point Beach preserves a unique landscape and rare plant communities.

**FOREST CHARACTERISTICS:** The property includes 2,900 acres of hemlock, pine and maple forest along six miles of sand-ridged shoreline.

**ACTIVITIES:** The sandy shore of Lake Michigan is a major attraction, complementing the campground, picnic areas and woodland trails.

**UNIQUE FEATURE:** The Rawley Point Lighthouse is the largest and brightest on the Great Lakes. It rises 113 feet above the lake surface and is visible for 19 miles!

For Information: (920) 794-7480 (Forest Headquarters, Two Rivers)

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# HAVENWOODS STATE FOREST

**ORIGIN:** The Havenwoods land has seen many changes in the past 150 years—wet woodlands, farmlands, a prison complex, military facilities and, finally, state forest in 1980.

**FOREST CHARACTERISTICS:** Nestled in the heart of Milwaukee, Havenwoods has 237 acres of green space for you to enjoy! You will find grasslands, woods and wetlands.

**ACTIVITIES:** Naturalists provide programs year-round for families, schools and youth groups. You can also hike, bike, cross-country ski and visit the nature center.

**UNIQUE FEATURE:** Butler's garter snake, a species threatened in Wisconsin, calls Havenwoods home!

For Information: (414) 527-0232 (Forest Headquarters, Milwaukee)

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